ED Douglas J. Rovens (State Bar # 106582) 1 drovens@ssd.com 08 MAR 20 PM 4: 01 Jeffrey S. Renzi (State Bar # 221963) 2 irenzi@ssd.com TLOX. II S. DISTRICT COURT MAN DISTRICT OF CALL ORNIA SOUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY L.L.P. 3 555 S. Flower St., 31st Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071 4 (213) 624-2500 Telephone: DEPUTY (213) 623-4581 Facsimile: 5 Attorneys for Defendant and Counterclaimant 6 **4ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY** 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 **VIA FAX** SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 '08 CV 525 H LSP Case No. -VAL POPESCU, an individual; 11 **DEFENDANT 4ACCESS** Plaintiff, 12 **COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY'S** NOTICE OF REMOVAL 13 VS. [Declaration of Joseph E. Heery filed **4ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS** 14 concurrently herewith] COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, 15 REMOVED FROM: Defendants. 16 San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2008-00075299-CV-WT-CTL 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 .25 26 27 28

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United States District Court for the Southern District of California

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

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Defendant 4Access Communications Company, files this Notice of Removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), based on this Court's original jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §

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I.

INTRODUCTION

On January 9, 2008, plaintiff Val Popescu ("Plaintiff") filed a complaint in the 1. Superior Court of the State of California for the County of San Diego, Case No. 37-2008-00075299-CU-WT-CTL (the "Complaint") and named 4Access Communications Co. ("4Access") as the defendant. The Complaint set forth claims for breach of contract, labor supplied, wage and hours violations, and wrongful discharge in violation of public policy. A true and correct copy of the Summons and Complaint are attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

4Access was served with the Complaint on February 21, 2008 (Declaration of 2. Joseph E. Heery ("Heery Decl."), ¶ 4.). Therefore, this Notice of Removal is timely pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

II.

BASIS FOR REMOVAL

- Removal is proper based on diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because: 3.
 - The amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000.00, a. exclusive of interest and costs because the Complaint alleges at least \$137,583.16 in damages. (Complaint at 8:27-28).
 - The matter in controversy is between citizens of different states as follows: b.
 - Plaintiff alleges in the Complaint that he is an individual who i. resides in San Diego County, California. (Complaint at 2:25-26).
 - 4Access is a Delaware corporation with its designated main office ii. in Illinois, and its principal place of business for diversity purposes

is Illinois. (See Heery Decl., ¶¶ 2, 3). The major portion of its business activity takes place in Illinois, and 4Access does not conduct regular business in California. (Heery Decl., ¶ 3). Thus, under the "nerve center" test or the "place of operations" test, 4Access's principal place of business for purposes of diversity is not California. See Industrial Tectronics, Inc. v. Aero Alloy, 912 F.2d 1090, 1092-93 (9th Cir. 1990).

- Exhibits "A" and "B" attached to this notice constitute all of the pleadings, 4. process, orders, and other filings in the state court action, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a).
- Venue is proper in this district and division under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) because this 5. district and division embrace the place where the removed action is pending.
- Written notice of filing of this Notice of Removal will be given to Plaintiff 6. promptly after the filing of this Notice, and a copy will be filed with the Superior Court of California, San Diego County, Central Division promptly after filing this Notice.

III.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons, Defendant 4Access Communications Company hereby gives 7. notice that the action currently pending against it in the Superior Court of California, San Diego County, Central Division is hereby removed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

Dated: March 20, 2008

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Attorneys for Defendant

4ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

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EXHIBIT A

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SUL. JONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

4Access Communications Company, a Delaware corporation; and Does 1 through 10, Inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Val Popescu

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You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/seifhelp/espanol/), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales.

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work he performed as an employee of 4ACCESS, and because 4ACCESS terminated POPESCU in violation of the public policy of the State of California in retaliation for his filing of an earlier lawsuit to collect past due wages.

- As explained more herein, from March 1, 2004 through January 10, 2007, 2. POPESCU was employed by 4ACCESS as an at-will employee pursuant to a written employment offer made to POPESCU by 4ACCESS.
- Even though POPESCU performed all of his job functions at all relevant times as 3. requested and demanded by 4ACCESS, 4ACCESS has failed and refused to pay POPESCU the wages and compensation to which he is entitled for his work despite repeated demands by POPESCU for payment.
- 4. On November 2, 2006, POPESCU filed a lawsuit against 4ACCESS to recover compensation, wages and payments that 4ACCESS owed to POPESCU pursuant to a written employment contract that was in existence between POPESCU and 4ACCESS prior to March 4, 2004. 4ACCESS, without reason or justification, terminated POPESCU's employment in retaliation for the filing of such earlier lawsuit.
- 5. The wrongful actions of 4ACCESS as summarized above and described in more detail herein constitute a breach of contract, failure to pay for labor provided, and a violation of the wage and hour laws of the State of California. 4ACCESS's termination of POPESCU was done in violation of the fundamental public policy of the State of California.
- 6. By this action, POPESCU seeks to recover compensatory damages and punitive damages for the harm and injuries he has suffered because of 4ACCESS's wrongful acts, as well as appropriate statutory penalties and an award of attorneys' fees and costs to the maximum extent permitted by law.

THE PARTIES AND VENUE

- 7. Plaintiff POPESCU is an individual who resided in San Diego, California within this judicial district at all relevant times.
- Defendant 4ACCESS is a Delaware corporation who at all relevant times 8. maintained a principal place of business at 12707 High Bluff Drive, San Diego, California within

this judicial district. 1

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The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or 9. otherwise, of DOES 1-10, inclusive, and each of them, are unknown to POPESCU who therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. POPESCU asserts that each of the defendants designated herein as a Doe is responsible in some manner for the events and happenings referred to herein and caused injuries and damages proximately thereby and thereto to POPESCU, who therefore sues defendants by such fictitious names. POPESCU will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to allege the true names and capacities of the Does when the same have been ascertained.

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- POPESCU is informed and believes, and upon such information and believe 10. alleges, that at all times relevant to this action, each of the defendants, including Does 1-10, inclusive, were responsible for the acts and omissions alleged in this complaint, and that POPESCU's damages, both existing and prospective, are, were and will be proximately caused by the acts and omissions of the defendants, including Does 1-10.
- POPESCU is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief alleges, 11. that each defendant, including Does 1-10, inclusive, was at all relevant times acting as the agent, servant, contractor, employee, principal, employer and/or co-conspirator of each remaining defendant and, in doing the things alleged herein, was acting within the course and scope of such agency, servitude and employment, and/or in furtherance of such conspiracy, and with the knowledge, consent and ratification of each co-defendant. At all relevant times, the officers, directors and/or managing agents authorized or ratified the wrongful acts alleged herein, and/or were personally responsible for these acts.
- The defendants, and each of them, were and are engaged in a conspiracy pursuant 12. to which they have agreed among themselves to commit wrongful acts and together have perpetrated the plan, scheme and acts alleged herein. All of the defendants, with knowledge and substantial assistance to one another, have aided and abetted each other in the conduct of their illicit conspiracy.

- 13. POPESCU is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief alleges, that there exists, and at all times herein mentioned there existed, a unity of interest in ownership between Does 1-10 on the one hand and defendant 4ACCESS on the other hand, such that any individuality and separateness between Does 1-10 and 4ACCESS has ceased. 4ACCESS is thereby the alter ego of Does 1-10 such that 4ACCESS is and at all times herein mentioned was a mere shell, instrumentality, and conduit through which Does 1-10 carried on business in a corporate name.
- 14. POPESCU is informed and believes, and upon such information and belief alleges, that Does 1-10 exercised complete control and dominance of 4ACCESS to such an extent that any individuality or separateness of 4ACCESS from Does 1-10 does not and at all times herein mentioned did not exist.
- 15. Adherence to the fiction of the separate existence of 4ACCESS as an entity distinct from Does 1-10 would permit an abuse of the corporation privilege and produce an inequitable result in that Does 1-10 manipulated the assets of 4ACCESS for their personal benefit and used 4ACCESS as a shield from any responsibility or liability. DOES 1-10 acted in illicit manners under the purported shield of corporate officers for 4ACCESS with the intent to prevent POPESCU from recovering wages earned.
- 16. After inducing POPESCU to accept a position of employment with 4ACCESS, Does 1-10, who on information and belief also acted as corporate officers, directors and/or fiduciaries of 4ACCESS, conspired to manipulate and to coerce the corporate operations and profits of 4ACCESS such that POPESCU was not paid, and could never recover, the wages earned and which POPESCU was entitled to be paid, during his employment with 4ACCESS by reason of the defendants' efforts to disguise the corporate operations and hide profits and cash flow from POPESCU.
- 17. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to Sections 395 and 395.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

18. Beginning on March 1, 2004. POPESCU was employed by 4ACCESS as an at-will

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employee with an annual salary of \$175,000.00. The salary to be paid by 4ACCESS to POPESCU, and the terms and conditions of POPESCU's employment by 4ACCESS, were established by a written employment offer made by 4ACCESS to POPESCU prior to the commencement of his employment.

- 19. POPESCU at all relevant times performed the services required and demanded by 4ACCESS.
- 20. 4ACCESS failed and refused, and continues to fail and refuse, to pay POPESCU the wages and compensation he earned and which he was entitled to be paid even though POPESCU has made repeated demand on 4ACCESS for payment.
- 21. On November 2, 2006, POPESCU filed a complaint seeking to recover unpaid compensation which he was entitled to be paid pursuant to a written employment contract between POPESCU and 4ACCESS prior to March 4, 2004.
- 22. In response to, and as a direct and proximate result of POPESCU's filing of such complaint, 4ACCESS terminated POPESCU's employment on January 10, 2007.
- 23. POPESCU is presently owed back wages of at least \$137,583.16, plus interest at the maximum legally permissible rate, for work performed on an at-will basis between February 28, 2004 and the date of his termination on January 10, 2007.
- 24. POPESCU also is entitled to all applicable fines and penalties to be assessed under common law and/or statute, subject to proof at time of trial. POPESCU has been forced to retain counsel to bring this action and enforce his rights and consequently is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees to the maximum extent permitted by law.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of Contract)

- 25. POPESCU realleges and incorporates herein by this reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 24, inclusive, of this complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 26. As alleged herein, from March 1, 2004 through January 10, 2007, an employment contract existed between POPESCU and 4ACCESS.

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- 27. Pursuant to the employment contract between POPESCU and 4ACCESS,
 POPESCU was employed by 4ACCESS as an at-will employee. Pursuant to such contract,
 POPESCU agreed to provide work, labor and services to 4ACCESS, and 4ACCESS agreed to
 compensate POPESCU for such work, labor and services at the rate of \$175,000.00 per year.
- 28. 4ACCESS has failed and refused to pay POPESCU the wages and compensation he is entitled to be paid for the labor, work and services he provided to and performed for 4ACCESS, and continues to fail and refuse to make such payment to POPESCU.
- 29. 4ACCES has breached the contract with POPESCU alleged herein by failing and refusing to pay POPESCU all sums due and owing to POPESCU for the work, labor and services he provided to 4ACCESS.
- 30. POPESCU has at all times performed all duties and obligations required of pursuant to his contract with 4ACCESS, except for those duties and obligations that have been excused and/or negated by action or law.
- 31. As a direct and proximate result of 4ACCESS's breach of contract as alleged herein, POPESCU has suffered monetary damages of at least \$137,583.16, in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 32. POPESCU is entitled to an award of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest to the maximum extent permitted by law.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Labor Supplied)

- 33. POPESCU realleges and incorporates herein by this reference each and every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 32, inclusive, of this complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 34. Within four years past, prior to the commencement of this action, 4ACCESS became indebted to POPESCU for at least \$137,583.16 in wages and compensation earned from and due and payable by 4ACCESS.
- 35. Neither the whole nor any part of the above amount has been paid, although demand has been made. Therefore, there is now due and owing from 4ACCESS to POPESCU the

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amount of at least \$137,583.16, which amount shall be proven at trial, along with prejudgment interest at the maximum legally permissible rate from the date these wages were earned.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

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(California Labor Code Section 201 et seq - Failure to Pay Wages)

- POPESCU realleges and incorporates herein by this reference each and every 36. allegation in paragraphs 1 through 35, inclusive, of this complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- As alleged herein, 4ACCESS failed to pay POPESCU wages, compensation and 37. payments that were due to POPESCU during the time he worked for 4ACCESS and at the time of the termination of POPESCU's employment.
- In failing to make the payments due to POPESCU as alleged herein, 4ACCESS has 38. violated Section 201 of the California Labor Code.
- 4ACCESS knowingly, willfully and intentionally has failed and refused to make 39. the payments owed to POPESCU as alleged herein.
- As a result of the violation of Section 201 of the California Labor Code as alleged 40. herein, POPESCU has suffered, and continues to suffer, damages in an amount of at least \$137,583.16, in an amount according to proof at trial. POPESCU also is entitled to statutory penalties, costs, interest and attorneys' fees pursuant to Sections 203, 218.5 and 218.6 of the California Labor Code.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Wrongful Discharge In Violation of Public Policy)

- POPESCU realleges and incorporates herein by this reference each and every 41. allegation in paragraphs 1 through 40, inclusive, of this complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- As alleged herein, Popescu was an employee of 4ACCESS from March 1, 2004 42. through the date of his terminated. 4ACCESS terminated POPESCU's employment on January 10, 2007.
- 43. As further alleged herein, such termination in retaliation for the filing by POPESCU of a claim for recovery of past wages which POPESCU earned but was not paid, despite demand.

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- 43. 4ACCESS's termination of POPESCU's employment as alleged herein was a retaliatory discharge in violation of the fundamental public policy of the State of California.
- 44. As a direct, foreseeable and proximate result of 4ACCESS's conduct as alleged herein, POPESCU has lost income and career opportunities, and has suffered other economic losses in an amount to be determined at time of trial. POPESCU has sought to mitigate such wage-related damages.
- 45. As a direct, foreseeable and proximate result of 4ACCESS's conduct as alleged herein, POPESCU has suffered great anxiety, embarrassment, anger, loss of enjoyment of life, injury to reputation, and severe emotional distress, in an amount to be determined at time of trial.
- 46. As a direct, proximate, and legal result of 4ACCESS's wrongful termination of POPESCU's employment as alleged herein, POPESCU has suffered, continue to suffer, and in the future will suffer, actual, consequential and incidental damages in an amount according to proof at trial.
- 47. The defendants did the acts and things alleged herein deliberately, maliciously, with intent to injure and oppress POPESCU, and in conscious disregard of the rights of POPESCU. Moreover, the conduct of the defendants constitutes fraudulent, malicious, oppressive and/or despicable conduct. POPESCU therefore is entitled to punitive and exemplary damages against the defendants, and each of them, in an amount sufficient to punish and deter the defendants, and each of them, according to proof at trial.
- 48. POPESCU is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest to the maximum extent permitted by law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, POPESCU prays for judgment against 4ACCESS and Does 1 through 10, inclusive, and each of them as follows:

1. For an award of compensatory damages in an amount of at least \$137,583.16, according to proof at trial;

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3	3. For an award of attorneys' fees as alleged herein and to the maximum extent					
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5	4. Fo	or an award of prejudgment and post-judgment interest to the maximum extent				
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EXHIBIT B

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MAILING ADDRESS: 330 West Broadway	
CITY AND ZIP CODE: San Diego, CA 92101	
8RANCH NAME: Central	
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (619) 685-8149	
PLAINTIFF(S) / PETITIONER(S): Val Popescu	
DEFENDANT(S) / RESPONDENT(S): 4Access Communications Company	
POPESCU VS. 4ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	
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Judge: Linda B. Quinn

Department: C-74

COMPLAINT/PETITION FILED: 01/09/2008

CASES ASSIGNED TO THE PROBATE DIVISION ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE CIVIL REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW

IT IS THE DUTY OF EACH PLAINTIFF (AND CROSS-COMPLAINANT) TO SERVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE WITH THE COMPLAINT (AND CROSS-COMPLAINT).

ALL COUNSEL WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH SUPERIOR COURT RULES WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AS DIVISION II, AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

- TIME STANDARDS: The following timeframes apply to general civil cases and must be adhered to unless you have requested and been granted an extension of time. General civil consists of all cases except: Small claims appeals, petitions, and unlawful detainers.
- COMPLAINTS: Complaints must be served on all named defendants, and a CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE (SDSC CIV-345) filed within 60 days of filing. This is a mandatory document and may not be substituted by the filing of any other document.
- DEFENDANT'S APPEARANCE: Defendant must generally appear within 30 days of service of the complaint. (Plaintiff may stipulate to no more than a 15 day extension which must be in writing and filed with the Court.)
- DEFAULT: If the defendant has not generally appeared and no extension has been granted, the plaintiff must request default within 45 days of the filing of the Certificate of Service.

THE COURT ENCOURAGES YOU TO CONSIDER UTILIZING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES TO LITIGATION, INCLUDING MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION, PRIOR TO THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE. MEDIATION SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAMS ACT AND OTHER PROVIDERS. SEE ADR INFORMATION PACKET AND STIPULATION.

YOU MAY ALSO BE ORDERED TO PARTICIPATE IN ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO CCP 1141.10 AT THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE. THE FEE FOR THESE SERVICES WILL BE PAID BY THE COURT IF ALL PARTIES HAVE APPEARED IN THE CASE AND THE COURT ORDERS THE CASE TO ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO CCP 1141.10. THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE WILL BE CANCELLED IF YOU FILE FORM SDSC CIV-359 PRIOR TO THAT HEARING

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DEFENDANT(S): 4Access Communications Company	·
VAL POPESCU VS. 4ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	01/19/2008
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Filed: 01/09/2008

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE ABOVE-ENTITLED CASE HAS BEEN REASSIGNED

to Judge Judith F. Hayes, in Department C-68

due to the following reason: Re-assigned for all purposes due to judicial move

All subsequent documents filed in this case must include the name of the new judge and the department number on the first page immediately below the number of the case. All counsel and self-represented litigants are advised that Division II of the Superior Court Rules is strictly enforced. It is the duty of each plaintiff (and cross-complainant) to serve a copy of this notice with the complaint (and cross-complaint).

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